Hydro-electric Project in Sikkim was accorded techno-economic clearance in November, 1988 and received the investment approval in April, 1990 at an estimated cost of Rs. 163.49 crores (excluding the cost of transmission line) with completion schedule of five years i.e. September, 1995. The project is being executed by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.

(c) More than 52% of the overall project work has been completed and erection of the generating units is in progress. The Project is now expected to be commissioned by March, 1999.

(d) Among the reasons for the delay are, adverse geological condition, contractual disputes and paucity of funds.

(e) The Project would generate 343 Million Units in a 90% dependable year. The share of power of the beneficiary States will be decided as per the Gadgil formula when Project is nearing completion.

Review of schemes in the North Eastern States

166. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed various schemes under implementation in North Eastern states;

(b) if so, the progress of those schemes during the 8th Five Year Plan period, as on date;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a separate cell to study the pace of progress of different schemes in the North Eastern States and to recommend measures for rapid development of those States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) to (d) Pursuant to Prime Minister's announcement of New Initiatives for the North East, concerned Ministries have been directed to review various schemes being implemented in the North-Eastern States, and to take corrective measures, as deeded necessary. Progress in implementation is being monitored by Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments and the Prime Minister's Office.

Meterage of on-shore and off-shore drilling

167. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise meterage of exploratory drilling during the last three years on-shore and off-shore, and at what average cost per meter;

(b) the deepest and lowest depths of on-shore and off-shore bore holes where oil has been found during the last three years;

(c) the total number of bore holes drilled, year-wise and State-wise during each of the last three years and out of these how many struck exploitable oil reserves;

(d) what have been the financial provisions for on-shore and off-shore exploratory drillings during the last three years, and what has been its utilization; and

(e) out of these financial provisions/ utilization, how much meterage of exploratory drilling can be/has been done, on-shore and off-shore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revamping of Indira Awas Yojana

168. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to revamp the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

(b) whether the IAY is proposed to be extended to the non-SC/ST families also;

(c) the funds proposed under IAY for 1996-97;

(d) the target of construction of houses fixed under IAY for the year 1996-97, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under Indira Awas Yojana, houses are provided to the SC/ST, freed bonded labourers and non-SC/ST rural people living below poverty line. A maximum of 40% of houses are allotted to non-SC/ST people below poverty line under the scheme.

(c) The total central outlay for the current year 1996-97 under IAY is Rs. 1194 crores.

(d) A statement showing the State-wise target is enclosed *(See* below).

(e) The progress of implementation of the scheme is monitored regularly through monthly progress reports field visits of Area Officers and review meetings with State Government officials. Apart from this, Senior officers of the Ministry also visit the States to ensure achievement of the target.

Statement

Targets under IAY for 1996-97

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Target (Nos.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	84640
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	631
3.	Assam	29197
4.	Bihar	151453
5.	Goa	1736
6.	Gujarat	33633
7.	Haryana	6983
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2165
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5347
10.	Karnataka	53181
11.	Kerala	18554
12.	Madhya Pradesh	147902
13.	Maharashtra	81120
14.	Manipur	808
15.	Meghalaya	946
16.	Mizoram	398
17.	Nagaland	1014
18.	Orissa	62248
19.	Punjab	4966
20.	Rajasthan	50325
21.	Sikkim	369
22.	Tamil Nadu	71598
23.	Tripura	1051
24.	Uttar Pradesh	241251
25.	West Bengal	70979
26.	A&N Islands	337
27.	D&N Haveli	278
28.	Daman & Diu	120
29.	Lakshadweep	0
30.	Pondicherry	330
	Total	1123560

Dues against State Electricity Boards

169. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of dues that Central Government have to recover from State Electricity Boards and since when the dues are pending;

(b) the names of the States Electricity Boards from which the dues are to be recovered; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that State Electricity Boards pay the dues in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) An amount of Rs. 8025.65 crores including the surcharge/ interest etc., as on 30.9.1996 is to be recovered from the State Electricity Boards/State Governments/UTs against the dues of Central Power Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power. While these dues are for the period from 1.4.1994 to 30.9.1996 in the case of National Thermal Power Corporation. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, Damodar Valley Corporation, North Eastern Electric